Head Quarters 15 Miles
from Philadelphia Octr. 22. 1777.

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with yours of the 9th and am glad to hear of the different arrivals of arms, tents and cloathing the latter of which is exceedingly wanted in this army, and I hope the agents will immediately forward the proportion intended for them. Major Nicholas who is juſt returned from the Eaſtward informs me, that a large parcel of lead has lately arrived at Boſton upon private account. As that article is likely to become ſcarce, I deſire it may be immediately purchaſed up and ſent on to the Elaboratories. I have written to the board of war, and deſired them alſo to direct the Continental agent to ſecure the lead.

I congratulate you upon the glorious ſucceſs of our arms to the Northward. The complete captivity of Burgoigne and his army exceeds our moſt ſanguine expectations. I have not yet heard of Sir Harry Clintons falling down the North River again, but I ſhould hardly imagine he would perſiſt in his operations there after hearing of Burgoygnes deſtruction. The enemy have been buſily employed ever ſince they got poſſeſſion of Philadelphia, in endeavoring to remove the obſtructions in the Delaware, but hitherto without effect. The day before yeſterday they evacuated German-town and withdrew within their lines juſt upon the environs of the city.

I have ſent to Congreſs for commiſſions for Lees and Jackſons regiments. If they come to this army they will be ready for them here, if they are by any means de:tained upon the North River, I will [illegible] them up to them

(on public service)

To

Major General Heath

G: Washington

Boston

Letter from Gen.l Washington resp.g the procuring of Lead and the Com.n for Lee's & Jackson Reg.ts

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